

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-10.

Please add the following claims:

12. (new) The method of claim 11, wherein the mat includes
a border; and
an artwork-viewing window interior to the border so that the window is surrounded by the border.
13. (new) The method of claim 12, further comprising:
adding a darkened delineating strip along the artwork-viewing window.
14. (new) The method of claim 11, wherein at least four photos are scanned, stored, and manipulated.
15. (new) The method of claim 11, wherein manipulating the scanned images includes abutting a scanned image to another scanned image.
16. (new) The method of claim 11, wherein manipulating the scanned images includes overlapping a scanned image with another scanned image.
17. (new) The method of claim 11, wherein manipulating the scanned images includes softening the edges of the images so that the edges gradually fade away.
18. (new) A method of making a mat for framing visual artwork, comprising:
scanning at least four photographs to form scanned images corresponding to the photographs;
storing the scanned images in computer memory;

manipulating the scanned images to form a mat using a photograph-manipulation software program, the mat having a border and an artwork-viewing window interior to the border so that the window is surrounded by the border, the manipulating including softening the edges of the scanned images and overlapping the scanned images at their edges; adding a darkened delineating strip along the artwork-viewing window; and printing the mat formed of the manipulated scanned images and the darkened delineating strip.

Listing of Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claims 1-10 (canceled)

Claim 11. (original) A method of making a mat for framing visual artwork, comprising:

scanning at least two photographs to form scanned images corresponding to the photographs;

storing the scanned images in computer memory;

manipulating the scanned images to form a mat using a photograph-manipulation software program; and

printing the mat formed of scanned images.

12. (new) The method of claim 11, wherein the mat includes

a border; and

an artwork-viewing window interior to the border so that the window is surrounded by the border.

13. (new) The method of claim 12, further comprising:

adding a darkened delineating strip along the artwork-viewing window.

14. (new) The method of claim 11, wherein at least four photos are scanned, stored, and manipulated.

15. (new) The method of claim 11, wherein manipulating the scanned images includes abutting a scanned image to another scanned image.

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17. (new) The method of claim 11, wherein manipulating the scanned images includes softening the edges of the images so that the edges gradually fade away.
18. (new) A method of making a mat for framing visual artwork, comprising:
- scanning at least four photographs to form scanned images corresponding to the photographs;
 - storing the scanned images in computer memory;
 - manipulating the scanned images to form a mat using a photograph-manipulation software program, the mat having a border and an artwork-viewing window interior to the border so that the window is surrounded by the border, the manipulating including softening the edges of the scanned images and overlapping the scanned images at their edges;
 - adding a darkened delineating strip along the artwork-viewing window; and
 - printing the mat formed of the manipulated scanned images and the darkened delineating strip.

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